

DISLEY
RURAL DISTRICT
COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
SANITARY INSPECTOR
FOR

1950



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COUNCIL OFFICES,
BUXTON ROAD,
DISLEY,
CHESHIRE.

DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Councillor Dr.A.N.Boyle (Chairman)
W.H Hunt.,
E.A.Rhodes.,
J.A.Burgar.,
A.R.Fox.,

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OFFICERS OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health Dr.C.G.K.Thompson., M.B, D.P.H.,
Sanitary Inspector T.K.Duncan. A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
(Resigned 1st July 1950)
R.L.Symes., M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
(Appointed 1st November 1950)
Abattoir Meat Inspector C.E.Hall., M.R.C.V.S.,

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DISLEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Council Offices,
Buxton Road,
DISLEY.

The Chairman & Members of the
Disley Rural District Council.

Mr.Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you this Annual Report
on behalf of Dr.C.G.K.Thompson.

I am, Mr.Chairman & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

T. W. BRINDLE,

Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION A.

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres.	2,208.
Population Mid-Year 1950 (Registrar General's Estimate)	3,010.
No. of Inhabited houses	1,019.
Rateable Value (1st April 1950).	£25,498.
Product of a Penny Rate (at 31st March 1951)	£.100. 5. 7.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE AREA.

The area is hilly in character with a wealth of pleasantly wooded slopes rising from a level of 400 ft. at the River Goyt, to the highest point of 1,018 ft. above mean sea level. On the north-west boundary, the residential area of Jackson Edge follows roughly the line of the 700 ft. contour.

Through the centre of the area runs the trunk road to Stockport on the west, and Buxton on the east. Development has always tended to follow this road and along its length most of the building has at various times taken place.

The area is residential in character, the majority of the residents working in Manchester and the larger towns it could, in effect, be termed a dormitory for the larger towns.

Agriculture forms the basic industry, the nature of the countryside lending itself to dairy farming. Many of the local inhabitants are employed at a large paper mill situated in the valley beside the Goyt.

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

1. Births.

(a) <u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	34.	18	16.
Illegitimate.	4.	2	2.
	<u>38.</u>	<u>20.</u>	<u>18.</u>

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population 1950:- 12.62.
1949:- 12.2.

To enable a more accurate comparison to be made as between the birth-rates in different districts, the Registrar-General issues a Comparability Factor for each area. This factor takes into account the differences in composition of the population as to age, sex, etc. The use of this factor for Disley converts the birth rate to 13.

The Live Birth Rate for England & Wales:- 1950, 15.8 per 1000.
1949, 16.7 " "

It will be noted that the birth-rate for Disley showed a slight increase over the previous year, in contrast to England & Wales where the rate decreased again.

(b) <u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	-	--	-
Illegitimate.	-	-	-

Still birth, rate per 1000 = 0
(Live & Still) rate per 1000 = 0
England & Wales still birth
rate per 1000 population. = 0.37

It is satisfactory to be able to report that there were no still births during the year under review.

SECTION A (1950) Continued.

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR - (Contd.)

(c) DEATHS (General) Rate.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
All Ages (All Causes)	16.	30.	46.
Death Rate per 1000 population	1950 = 15.28.,	1949. 13.2.,	
" " " " " "	1950. = 11.6.,	1949. 11.8.,	
(England & Wales)			

Whilst the General Death Rate for England and Wales showed a slight fall, the rate for Disley showed an increase. The use of the Registrar-General's Area Comparability Factor converts the 1950 Death-Rate for Disley to 13.29.

Deaths (General) Analysis.

<u>Cause of Death.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Tuberculosis, Respiratory.	-	-	-
" (Other)	-	1	1
Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-	-
Whooping cough.	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis.	-	-	-
Measles.	-	-	-
Other infective & Parasitic Diseases.	1.	-	1.
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach.	1	-	1
" " lung & bronchus.	1	-	1
" " breast.	-	2	2
" " uterus.	-	1	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	2.	3.	5.
Leukaemia, aleulaemia.	-	-	-
Diabetes.	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	2.	6.	8.
Coronary Diseases, Angina.	2.	2.	4.
Hypertension with heart disease.	-	-	-
Other heart disease.	2.	2.	4.
Other circulatory disease.	-	2	2
Influenza.	-	1	1
Pneumonia.	-	-	-
Bronchitis.	2	4	6
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum.	-	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea.	1	-	1
Pregnancy, childbirth & abortion.	-	-	-
Congenital malformations.	-	1	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	1	5	6
Motor vehicle accidents.	-	-	-
Suicide.	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-
All causes.	<u>16.</u>	<u>30.</u>	<u>46.</u>

Deaths (Maternal Causes.)

It is pleasing to be able to report that there were no deaths attributed to this cause in the District during the year.

Death-Rate (Infantile) i.e. Infants under 1 year of age.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	-	1.	1.
Illegitimate.	-	-	-
Total.	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

Infantile Death-Rate per 1000 live births:-

1950	-	26.32.
1949.	-	54.05.

England & Wales

Infantile Death Rate per 1000 live births:-

1950	-	29.8.
1949.	-	32.4.

SECTION A (1950) Continued.

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR - (Contd.)

DEATHS.

Death-Rate (Infantile) i.e. Infants under one year of age (Contd.)

There has been a very marked reduction in the Infantile Mortality Rate as compared with the previous year. It should be noted, however, that because of the small number of births in a year this rate is liable to violent fluctuations - For example, one less infantile death would have given an Infantile Mortality Rate of Nil, one more death would have produced a rate of 52.64. The Infantile Mortality Rate for England & Wales at 29.8 per 1000 live-births was a new low record.

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SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN
THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Monsall Hospital, Newton Heath, Manchester.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The provision of an ambulance and sitting-case car service is now the responsibility of the Cheshire County Council and is administered by the North-East Cheshire Divisional Health Committee.

HOME NURSING, HEALTH VISITING.

These services are provided by the Cheshire County Council.

INFANT WELFARE.

Provided by the Cheshire County Council.

IMMUNISATION & HOME HELP SERVICE.

Provided by the Cheshire County Council through the N/East Cheshire Cheshire Divisional Health Committee.

HOSPITALS.

There are no hospitals in the area, but the Stockport & Buxton Hospital Management Committee provide facilities for residents from this area in neighbouring districts.

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SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

1. Water.

The majority of the houses in the area are supplied with water from the mains of the Stockport Corporation. Some farms and isolated houses are without a piped supply relying mostly for their supply on natural wells and springs, a few having their own boreholes. The cost of laying mains to some of these isolated premises would be very high and this has acted as a deterrent; in other cases the physical characteristics of the land itself make it an almost impossible task.

The supply of water is of exceptional quality and is subject to frequent bacteriological and chemical analysis by the Stockport Corporation.

SECTION C (Cont'd)
Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

The major portion of the premises in the area are connected to the Council's sewers. Properties which are not are usually in such isolated positions that it is impracticable to connect them to the sewers. The two sewage disposal works owned by the Council have performed their functions satisfactorily during the year. Difficulty was experienced in the disposal of the sludge, but this has now been overcome. A farmer in the area now utilises it after drying for his land. There have been no new works of sewerage or sewage disposal undertaken during the year.

(a) Rivers and Streams.

The River Goyt forms the Northern Boundary of the District and the effluents from the larger sewage works at Waterside discharge into it. Sampling of the effluent by the Catchment Board frequently takes place. These prove satisfactory.

(b) Closet Accommodation.

Water Closets	966
Slop Water Closets	1
Privies	17
Pail Closets	35
Dry Ashpits	14
Ashbins	988

(c) Public Cleansing.

The direct labour refuse service operated by the Council has continued to function satisfactorily. Refuse, salvage and the contents of the pail closets have been regularly collected fortnightly. The contents of the pail closets are tipped into the specially designed tank which is fitted to the refuse vehicle. Discharge of the contents takes place by tipping into the Council's sewerage system.

Household refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council's Greenshall Tip. After discharge the refuse is covered by a layer of overburden sand which is raked and spread over it. The face of the tip is also dressed with sand and constantly raked and levelled.

(d) Rodent Control.

A full time rodent operative is shared by Disley and two neighbouring authorities.

The Council's sewers were treated for rat infestation during the year. Infestation at both treatment periods found to be slight.

The sewage works and refuse tip were inspected regularly and treated when necessary. Infestations at the refuse tip were occasionally of major character.

37 infestations in private property were successfully dealt with.

3. Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

(a) Number of Inspections made:-

Houses. Public Health Acts:	48
" Housing Acts:	8
Complaints investigated:	10
Restaurant Kitchens:	4
Factories:	8
Work Places:	2
Infectious Disease:- visits in connection with	12
Rats & Mice Acts:	135
Tents, Vans, Sheds:	2
Shop Acts:	10
Re-visits to Property under Notice:	56
Bakehouses:	4
Fried Fish Shops:	4
Butchers Shops:	8
Other Food Shops:	14
Ice Cream Premises:	21
Tinned Food and other Articles of Food:	4
Houses Disinfected:	-
Houses Disinfested:	-
Miscellaneous:	40

SECTION C (Cont'd)
Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

3. Sanitary Inspection of the Area (cont'd)

(b) Number of Notices:-

<u>Informal.</u>	<u>Served.</u>	<u>Complied With.</u>
Public Health Acts.	18.	21
Housing Acts.	4	4
Milk and Dairies Orders.	-	-
Factories Act 1937.	-	-
Food and Drugs Act.	1	1

Statutory.

No statutory notices were served.

4. Camping Sites.

There is one permanent camp in the area. This provides accommodation for both sexes between the ages of 12 and 18 years. Supervised by a voluntary committee and managed by a resident caretaker the camp has been well managed.

5. Smoke Abatement.

No smoke observations have had to be made during the year.

6. Schools.

The area is served by one elementary school and one small private school. Water supply and closet accommodation in both cases are satisfactory.

7. Eradication of Bed Bugs.

No cases of bed bug infestation were discovered, or complaints received, during the year.

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SECTION D - HOUSING.

1. Existing Housing.

The houses in the area surveyed under the Rural Housing Survey remain as follows:-

Class A.	Houses fit for habitation or requiring interior repairs.	479
Class B.	Houses fit for habitation but requiring repair.	63
Class C.	Houses requiring reconditioning or reconstruction.	104
Class D.	Houses recommended for demolition.	47

Total 693

2. New Housing.

No new houses were erected by the Council during the year.

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SECTION E.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

1. Milk Supply.

Six Distributors are registered with the Council for the Sale of Milk in the area. Five of these sell ordinary Milk and four have licences to sell special designated milk. In addition there are ten producer/retailers who sell milk in the district.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.

Three Dealers and One Supplementary Licences were issued during the year to sell both Tuberculin Tested and Pasteurised Milk.

2. Meat Inspection.

The area is served by the Ministry of Food Centralised Slaughterhouse, at New Mills. Inspection is carried out there by the Council's Meat Inspector and only meat which has been passed by him is delivered to the three Butcher's Shops in the area. 191 lbs Meat was condemned in a Butcher's Shop for Bone Taint.

SECTION E. (cont'd)
Inspection and Supervision of Food.

3. Other Food Premises.

	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>
Fried Fish Shops.	2	4
Restaurants and Cafes.	7	7
Ice Cream Premises.	6	21
Butchers & Preserved Food Manufacturers.	6	8
Wet Fish Shops.	2	2
Bakers and Bakehouses.	2	4
Grocers and Other Food Shops.	11	11

4. Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

There have been no new applications under the above Act during the year.
The three licenced slaughtermen on the register made application for the renewal of their licences and these were granted.

5. Factories Act, 1937.

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>Number on Register.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Number of written notices.</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted.</u>
(i) Factories in which Sect.1,2,3, 4, & 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	4.	8.	-	-
(ii) Factories not incl. in (i) to which Sect.7 applies.	8.	-	-	-
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers premises)	1	-	-	-
	<u>13</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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SECTION F.
Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases.

(a) General.

Number of cases of Infectious Diseases Notified during year:-

	<u>Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>
Whooping Cough.	16.	-
Erysipelas.	1.	1.
Scarlet Fever.	11.	-
Pneumonia.	1.	-
Measles.	7.	-
Food Poisoning.	<u>2.</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals:	<u>38</u>	<u>1</u>

(b) Analysis of Notified Infectious Diseases.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Age Groups</u>											<u>Total.</u>
	<u>Under 1</u>	<u>1 - 2.</u>	<u>3 - 4</u>	<u>5 - 9</u>	<u>10 - 14.</u>	<u>15 - 24.</u>	<u>25 - 34.</u>	<u>35 - 44</u>	<u>45 - 54</u>	<u>55 - 64</u>	<u>65 & over.</u>	
Whooping Cough.	-	1	3	10	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	16
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	3	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	11
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Measles	-	2	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	7
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
Totals.	-	3	7	20	-	-	1	5	-	2	-	38

SECTION F (Cont'd)

Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases.

(b) Analysis of Notified Infectious Diseases (cont'd)

There was no serious outbreak of infectious disease during the year. There were 11 cases of Scarlet Fever (all mild) as compared with 10 in the previous year. There was a slight increase in the notifications of Whooping Cough received, and a marked decrease in notifications of Measles. There was no case of Acute Poliomyelitis notified. Two cases of Food-poisoning came to the notice of the department during the year.

(c) Tuberculosis.

Cases on Register:-

Cases on Register. 31:12:49.
Cases notified in 1950.
Cases still on Register
at 31st Dec:1950.

Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Total.
Male	Female.	Male	Female.	
4.	1	5	5	15
-	-	-	1	1
4.	1	5	6	16.

No cases were removed or restored to the Register.

